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Please consider the following excerpts from an Interfax interview with Abkhaz President Sergey Bagapsh on the UN's International Court of Justice ruling on the legality of Kosovo's declaration of independence:

- "The international court's decision once again reaffirmed Abkhazia's and South Ossetia's rights to self-determination. Abkhazia and South Ossetia, meantime, have far more historical and legal grounds for independence than Kosovo does."
- "This decision also showed the rightfulness of Russia's actions, which was the first to recognize Abkhazia's and South Ossetia's independence."
- "...this decision will encourage further recognition of Abkhazia's and South Ossetia's independence by other countries..."

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